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9. "You have two healthy kidneys, right?"
8. "No matter what you hear, don't open this trunk"
7. "Where should I hang these posters of beloved Commander Hussein?"
6. "If some guy comes by looking for his 15 grand, tell him to go screw himself"
5. "Can you believe that 'Bubble Boy' movie made fun of people with my condition?"
4. "Here's the deal: I get the bottom half of the room, you get the top"
3. "Uh oh, 9:30 -- time to go to sleep"
2. "I hope you don't mind but our dorm room is on the internet 24 hours a day"
1. "Quick hold this I am the president's daughter"

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## Remember Them With Honour!

by Sean Carson

Remembrance day is one of the few times of the year where everyone will stop their daily routine for a moment of silence for those who died in the wars. These men and women who died are the savors of our present lives. If it was not for their courage, loyalty and commitment to keeping our country free, we would not be where we stand today. Personally, I know that my grandfather's brother died in the war effort, while my grandfather was a "needed commodity". The loss was a lot for my grandfather, who wasn't able to go to war because Canada found him indispensable. For those of you that have family members who have died in the struggle of war, I give you my most sincere thoughts in hope that it will help in any grief you are feeling. The most important part are those soldiers that are still here. The on's we can thank everyday for saving our future, and making our world a safer and better place for all. Do them a favour and thank them on this day, for on Sunday, November 11th, we are all in thankful for their service to our country.

## The Shining Silver Event Raises Awareness

By Nancy Lim

On Wednesday, November 7, the 2001 Silver Event took place at George Brown's Casa Loma Campus. Sponsored and organized by the Student Association, this informative gathering focused on the topic of Accessibility and Awareness. Everyone was welcome to the annual event, which was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All GBC students were able to learn about people with disabilities, gain awareness of accessibility concerns, and listen to the

experiences of fellow classmates and colleagues. In order to accomplish this, there were several booths organized around the site, offering information about the many groups available that provide services and support. The community groups that participated were the Hearing Society, GBC Disabilities Services, GBC Athletics Department, Variety Village, Balance Society, and several others. There were also interesting activities arranged to help raise awareness of

various disabilities. Some of these included a Life Works open house, sports jeopardy, abilities bingo, and wheel-chair basketball. This gave people several opportunities to understand and relate to others who face certain disabilities on a daily basis. In addition, the event was able to distribute lovely giveaways and prizes. None of the outstanding participants were to leave empty-handed, and a brand-new computer was even awarded to a lucky winner.

All in all, the Silver Event was a successful one. The organizers and volunteers should be commended, for they worked hard, showing dedication and support for their community. The event also attracted many enthusiastic students who were wishing to raise their awareness, as well as to have a good time. Indeed, this was an educational and entertaining experience for all.



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by Sera Gordon

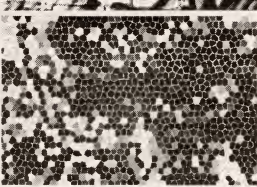
Another issue, another chapter of my life to put an end to. Here I am in the story of my life. In my last editorial I thought that my luck couldn't get much worse, and I was wrong. It has been brought to my attention that someone has complained to the Student Association that I made a homophobic comment. I am offended that someone would think that way about me. When I told my friends about it they laughed about it because the comment is ludicrous. Who ever made the complaint obviously does not know me very well at all. I think what hurt me the most about the situation is that who ever said that about me did not feel comfortable to talk directly to me about the incident. Also the fact that I have not been told who said it, or what I said..... So. I am going to treat it as though I said nothing at all! I am the last person who would make a homophobic comment, or be homophobic. And since I don't know what I said I can only imagine that who ever complained probably only heard a partial conversation and came to their own conclusion. So being given the chance I would like EVERYONE to know that I am not homophobic. In grade 13 I did my thesis on homophobia. My thesis being that the reason why people are homophobic is because there are not enough homosexual role models in society.

And that was written 10 years ago

My grandma had an angina attack which put her in the hospital for a week..... I ended up with a really bad cold that has taken me out for 2 weeks, and I am still trying to recover from it..... I did find a place to live! And am loving living on my own! I got a studio with a loft, in a working factory building! Instead of having 1 cat I ended up with 2 (I am a sucker! the cats are sisters and I couldn't separate them) and now everything I own is covered with cat hair. And besides all that once you hit the ground there is only one place that you can go, and that is up! I did go to a fortune teller and had my palm read which was interesting! She basically reinforced a lot of things that I already knew about myself! But it was still nice to hear from someone else. I am on the up and up, although it might take me 2 more years to reach my full potential.

And for those who are interested I am not available. Even if I was single I would still not be available, as I would be totally engrossed with a love affair with myself, as selfish as it sounds. But who am I kidding I am a selfish person (My boyfriend made me write that, he couldn't believe my last editorial Ahh and he probably won't be able to believe this one either) The weekend before intercession week the dialog collective went to Brock university to participate in the Ontario regional college and university press conference. We sent 4 delegates to the conference and had a great time. The weather was perfect that weekend! It was a great experience being able to bond with like minded people who face the same situations having to output a newspaper I am looking forward to the conference in Ottawa in January! Where I will be able to meet again with my fellow editors from around the country!

The past weekend I went to a bar called the GreenRoom (296 Brunswick Ave), just off of Bloor behind the Futures bakery. This is the vibe I have been looking for in Toronto the past 5 years! It helped renew my commitment to the Dialog, and to school. Many cold nights this winter will be spent at the GreenRoom. We ordered 2 pints of SteamWhistle (a local microbrew in Toronto) and it came to 9\$ Conversation flowed easily! And the vibe in the place was artsy collegiate. It made me think that some of society's greatest thinkers sat there just like myself having a beer enjoying easy conversation. Another place that I went to this weekend that I had never been to before is the Brunswick house. Interesting place, although from what I hear that they recycle beer! And I have heard that from more than one person. Although believe nothing of what you hear and only half of what you see. And I did not see them recycle beer. Phil (my bf) laughed because they said it was retro when in fact it was probably the same tape that they played when he used to go there in his high school days! So there you go, a glimpse into my life! Live vicariously through me!



## Erratum

In the Halloween issue of the Dialog, in an article by Jansen Ng, Dwayne Hines, Board of Governors Representative was misidentified. The Dialog Collective regrets this error.



# DIALOG COLLECTIVE NEWS

National Student Journalist Conference

by Allan Stokell

As many of you know, the Dialog is a member of Canada's national college and university newspaper cooperative known as Canadian University Press (CUP). Each year with the financial assistance of Campus Plus (+), CUP holds a national conference so student journalists from sea to sea can share ideas. This year the conference will be held from January 23-28, 2002.

The conference is being held in Ottawa, sponsored by the University of Ottawa and Fulcrum, the U of O student paper. Those of us who attended the last CUP conference in Vancouver (well, actually Richmond) know how important this meeting is to students involved in the print media.

The Dialog Collective have been members of CUP for about four years and this will be the third year we have sent delegates to the National Conference.

This year's conference will be a unique experience for our delegates. It will be held in downtown Ottawa, just minutes from the House of Commons. Instead of being stuck in a hotel by the airport, delegates will be able to mingle with the movers and shakers who make our country strong. So far, Joe Clark and Svend Robinson are confirmed on the speakers list. This year they expect over 120 individual presenters. Also each year industry professionals critique papers for content and style. Often we, at the DC, use these critiques to make design changes in the paper. Each year CUP also holds an Indy Music Festival of Independent Canadian

music that runs parallel to the conference. This year the venue will be Barrymore's,

right downtown on Sparks Street. It is obvious that this conference is a must for GBC students who plan their careers in the print media.

The roll of the Collective will be to set guidelines on how CUP delegates will be selected. For instance, how should we evaluate participation within the Collective? Is writing for the Collective more important than performing volunteer duties? Should first year students get priority over second or third year students? Should we expect delegates to have a financial investment in the conference? I hope we will be able to come up with decisions on this within the

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next few weeks. Our constitution specifically states that we should strike a fund raising committee before November 15 of each year.

On another subject: The Collective has great concerns about the fairness of content in our newspaper. We already speak to this in our constitution, but are concerned that settlement of such matters should not only be fair, but appear to be fair. To aid this important aspect of college life, the Collective is asking for input from the College community. We are organizing a special meeting. Please look for an announcement elsewhere in this paper. We ask that every member of our College community consider the importance of this concern and attend this meeting.

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## anthrax scare

At approximately 8:40 a.m. November 2nd, 2001 one of our colleagues opened a package addressed to him.

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appeared to be white powder, immediately put the package down, closed the door to the

room, and reported the incident to the Dean of Business and Creative Arts.

The surrounding area was immediately secured, the police called, and 318 and the adjacent rooms 314 and 316 sealed

pending removal of the package by the police for testing by the health authorities.

We expect to have the results of the tests over the weekend so the rooms in

question

will remain sealed until at least Monday, November 5, 2001.

To put this matter in context, the police have informed us of literally hundreds of such incidents across the country. At this point, all tests of suspicious packages and materials have

proven to be negative. I am pleased to report that we have

now been able to identify that the contents of the package opened this morning in room 318, St. James, are

entirely safe. Our colleague who was the recipient of the package has spoken to the sender

and verified the nature of the contents. I am therefore authorizing the re-opening

of rooms 314, 316 and 318 effective immediately.

## Got a beef?

The Dialog Collective is developing a policy whereby an independent body can review content of the Dialog for accuracy. We invite all interested parties to attend a special meeting to discuss this process.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15 at 11:00am in the Dialog Collective office, room 167B SJ. If you have questions or special

needs, please contact Allan Stokell at 416-415-2710 or [aastokell@gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:aastokell@gbrownc.on.ca)

Until this review is complete, we ask that everyone with concerns about the accuracy of Dialog content to following the existing Dialog Collective and Student Association procedure.

## NEXT MEETING OF THE DIALOG COLLECTIVE:

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## All About Anthrax

By Kelan Gibbs and Jennifer Henderson, The Picaro  
HALIFAX (CUP) —

From the American Congress to the Canadian Senate. From university campuses to post offices. Since Sept. 11, anthrax scares and in some instances confirmed cases have been popping up across North America. But how much does the average person really know about this potentially deadly bacteria? Anthrax is actually an acute infectious

disease caused by the spore-forming bacteria anthrax's, most commonly found in domesticated animals such as cattle and sheep. Humans can become infected with anthrax by ingesting it, inhaling it or through cuts and abrasions in the skin. Its symptoms vary depending on the type of anthrax contracted but can mimic those of the flu or a common cold. Although antibiotics are available to treat anthrax infection, their long-term health consequences are not yet known. "A lot of work on anthrax as a biological weapon was done in Canada in the

1940s. It was one of the first biological weapons to be produced and is one of the easiest to make," said John Thompson, director of the Mackenzie Institute, which does research and provides commentary on organized violence and political instability. Although anthrax has been around for decades, it has seldom been used as a weapon. "There are more effective biological and chemical weapons available and states know that if you attack the U.S. or a NATO country with it you can expect to see your capital city turned into a parking lot," Thompson

said. Although authorities have not determined the source of the current anthrax outbreak, Thompson believes it is another form of terrorism. He blames the terrorists' lack of national identity or allegiance with their willingness to use anthrax as a biological weapon, but he doesn't believe the general public should live in fear of the bacteria. "You can't prepare against every attack or contingency. I'm more worried about not looking both ways before crossing the street or having a heart attack or getting cancer than I am about anthrax."

## Anti-Terror Bill Sparks Concern

By Vince Teetaert, Central Bureau Chief, Central Bureau  
WINNIPEG (CUP) —

Civil liberties groups, MPs and members of the Canadian public are coming forward with calls for restraint and review as the federal government moves to implement legislation to combat terrorism. The CFS says it is worried mass protests like the one in Quebec City could be classified as "terrorist activities" under the new bill. Labor unions have voiced similar concerns, fearing the bill could infringe on worker's legitimate right to strike action. "We think that [the bill's] measures go much too far and use much too broad of a definition for our comfort level," said Ian Boyko, the federations national chairperson. Bill C-36 defines terrorist activity as "an action that takes place within or outside

Canada that is taken, or threatened for political, religious, or ideological purposes and threatens the public endangering a person, causing substantial property damage that is likely to seriously harm people or by interfering with or disrupting an essential service or facility or system." Critics say they're concerned with the last few words of the definition that calls interrupting an essential service terrorism. Bryan Schwartz, a law professor at the University of Manitoba said First Nation groups who use peaceful road blocks, nurses who engage in an illegal strike or even student protests, could fall under the definition. "The government made a fairly strenuous effort to balance their security concerns with civil liberty concerns. Inevitably, when legislation is prepared this quickly infringes on some aspects of civil liberties more than is necessary and certainly one of the problem areas is the broadness of

the definition," Schwartz said. Winnipeg NDP MP Bill Blaikie is also concerned with the broad definition used to define terrorism and terrorist activities. He said the federal government's "sense of urgency" could push the bill through the House of Commons without proper review. The government will be holding public hearings about the bill over the next several weeks. Blaikie said he hopes Ottawa will receive feedback that encourages amendments to the bill to ensure civil liberties are well protected. If the anti-terror bill passes, the Criminal Code would be amended to allow for increased electric surveillance against suspected organizations and police would have the power to make preventive arrests of suspected terrorists. The bill would also allow the government to withhold information about suspected terrorist groups from the public, as well as withhold the reason for a preventive

arrest from the suspect. Boyko said the bill goes too far. "It is a little bit scary when it comes to Canadians who exercise their democratic right. I think it errs too much on the side of a police state," he said. Schwartz said persons detained following a preventive arrest may not have enough information to challenge their detention. "There may be some safe questions which need to be explored that a person challenging his detention or challenging his arrest may not have sufficient access to the information that the government is using." Pat Chrette, spokesperson for the federal Department of Justice said concerned people have about the bill are addressed in the comprehensive checks and balances already in place.



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# WE ARE THE REASON LIFE WORKS

By Daliah Merzaban, Ubyssy  
VANCOUVER (CUP) -

Ignorant. Seduced. Oppressed. Backward. Mute. Victim. Muslim women who wear the Islamic head and body covering often face these harsh negative stereotypes. However, for many Muslim women at UBC their attire offers them a unique form of spiritual identity and freedom, one they say is often misunderstood. "I think there's a general ignorance. I think people fear things that they don't understand," says Terumi Taylor, one of many Muslim women at UBC who wear the hijab, a term that describes the various coverings worn by Muslim women. These coverings are most commonly seen in the form of a scarf that covers the hair, neck and sometimes the chest, accompanied by various types of conservative clothing. "Especially here, because the campus is so large and there's a lot more people from the general community-at-large here, you get a lot more looks. People will stop. People will point. People will stare," says Taylor, a graduate student in microbiology. Taylor converted to Islam several years ago and decided to adopt the hijab a year and a half ago, while attending SFU for her undergraduate studies. Like many Muslim women at UBC, Taylor says the misconceptions surrounding hijab are numerous, the most common of which is that hijab is forced on her and is a symbol of her ignorance and oppression by men. She says women who don't understand the significance of the attire level most of these stereotypes. "That you would feel I'm oppressed and not choose to give me a voice almost is that the women themselves who are fearing my oppression are oppressing me because they don't think I can speak for myself. Even if I'm a well-educated woman and English is my first language,

they still feel that somehow they still need to speak for me." For Taylor, the foremost reason she wears hijab is to please God, an explanation she says is often insufficient for non-Muslims. She says hijab also

hijab as harmful to women's rights is often misplaced and simplistic. She explains that, in contrast to many contemporary depictions of women in Islam, the Quran, Islam's Holy Book, paints a very positive

which demonstrates links to identity, links to heritage, links to place of origin, family, tradition so it can be seen in a very very positive way," says Arbel. Jewaria Hafeez and Asma Shahid, second-year UBC science students, emphasize the importance of viewing hijab as a positive form of Islamic identity. The two women wear hijab because they say it is compulsory for Muslim women in the Quran. For them, the covering is a powerful mode of identification and carries with it many important qualities. "Hijab is about modesty, piety and about reserving yourself for the people who really deserve you," says Hafeez, who moved to Vancouver four years ago from Brunei, where it is compulsory for girls to wear hijab in high school. When she first moved, Hafeez stopped wearing hijab for a few months because of pressure from her non-Muslim friends. She decided to adopt the hijab again as a way to proudly assert her Muslim identity. Shahid says donning hijab gives her greater confidence. She's been wearing the covering since grade six, when it became compulsory for girls in Saudi Arabia, where she lived for most of her life before moving to Vancouver. Shahid says she's frustrated by people who vilify Islam and hijab, associating them with oppression, terrorism and the negative treatment of women in Muslim countries, such as Saudi Arabia. "Oppression is when a woman doesn't want to do something and a man is trying to impose something on her. But in Saudi Arabia, if you go around and you ask the women, they're not oppressed," says Shahid. "It's a heritage and a religious rule and everybody's proud of it." Meanwhile, for Taylor the hijab projects an image of professionalism and trustworthiness she did not experience before converting to Islam and adopting hijab.

She says she receives more respect from both men and women. By taking sexuality out of the picture, she says hijab allows women not to flaunt their sexuality in a way that is prohibited by Islam. "When I present myself, I'm presenting who I am, not kind of like a physical manifestation of me. It's more what I'm about and what my intellect is. It becomes freeing because you can be who you are."



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helps her to define herself in a diverse culture and describes her decision to don hijab as a gradual autonomous one. Daphna Arbel, AUBC religious studies professor, says that despite the increasing popularity of the attire, particularly among young Muslim women, negative images associated with hijab and Islam persist. Arbel, who teaches a course which

explores the images of Eve in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, says that viewing Islam and

picture of women.

She says that while it is not clearly dictated in the Quran that all believing Muslim women should wear hijab, the attire encourages modesty, a quality the Quran prescribes for both men and women. Arbel says that in order to overcome misconceptions surrounding hijab observers must be sensitive to the fluidity of the symbol, which varies in its implications depending on the context. Hijab, she explains, may be viewed as oppressive if forced upon women by their families or the government under which they live. But as a matter of personal choice, hijab can represent freedom. "If by choice Muslim women today choose to wear [hijab], we can see it as a very positive decision

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by Anonymous

The GNED1003 General Education Foundation I took last semester has come back to haunt me since the terrorist attack in New York on September 11.

Kathryn Kearney taught us common logical fallacies, such as improper appeal to authority. Those fallacies are tricky and thought-provoking, and we were intrigued. It was a surprise when these fallacies came back to my mind as I read newspapers, listened to radio, watched TV, or argued with friends. They automatically came back to help me think after the September 11 attacks. I have used two common logical fallacies again and again to analyze what is happening. They are "false dilemma" and "two wrongs make a right."

## False dilemma

Professor Kearney's note: "This fallacy occurs whenever we argue that there are only two possible solutions to a problem when there are at least three or more. E.g. Either you are with me, or you are against me."

George W. Bush is not good at organizing sentences (Oops, I made the "ad hominem argument" fallacy - an irrelevant attack upon the opponent rather than on his/her argument). He said: "You are either with us, or with the terrorists". I am definitely not with the terrorists. Am I with the United States?

I am not sure. George W. Bush, please give me another choice. I do not want to be with either of you.

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have so many shades.

It is a pity to see people fall into the false dilemma trap, especially consciously and willingly. Our Prime Minister Jean Chretien, (liberal leader, not conservative leader) told the United States and the whole world that he and all opposition leaders in Canada supported the United States' military action in Afghanistan, when the New Democratic Party leader criticized it. Fortunately, we found out the truth soon and were not misled for long.

I admire the NDP leader's courage to raise her lonely voice, and I admire others who do the same. A woman professor in BC almost got criminal charges after openly challenging the United States policies. I am more con-

cerned with former Afghans who now live in Canada. How can they respond to George Bush's call? They are already facing too much; racial profiling, discrimination, and hatred. I am sure some are not with the terrorists, or the United States. They want neither terrorists nor the United States bombing in Afghanistan.

civilian casualties, and more occasional bombings into the United Nations humanitarian bases. At the same time, it seems more and more difficult to catch Osama bin Laden or overthrow the Taliban. When confronted with civilian casualties in Afghanistan, George Bush's response was more severe civilian casualties in the United States. Neither side is right.

One right cannot justify one wrong, either. Along with the military attack, the United States dropped food to Afghans. Food and bombs is no different from carrot and stick. They are both abusive.

Dropping food is not right either. Because of the military attack, the United States closed the Afghan border and cut off food from international humanitarian organizations. The United States cannot drop as much food as those humanitarian organizations can send, and more and more Afghans are starving. When food does land in Afghanistan, it may trigger landmines, or people may step on landmines when they go for the food. Fortunately, the United States has realized dropping food did not work.

Thank you, Professor Kearney, for teaching me how to think. Thank you, GNED 1003, for giving me more than credits.

Some people are concerned about the impact on freedom of speech. It is safe to be politically correct in such sensitive times. Go to CNN, ABC, or CBS. They have all become government speakers. I agree that united we stand, but not united we speak. There should be no more McCarthyism.

## Two wrongs make a right

Professor Kearney's note: "This fallacy occurs whenever we try to justify a wrong behavior of our own by accusing our opponent of a similar wrong doing. E.g. How dare you talk about my affair? You have had more than one affair."

I support the war against terrorists, but not what the Americans are doing in Afghanistan. As time goes on, there are more and more

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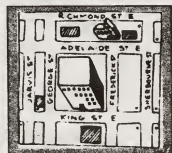
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# \$ MONEY MATTERS \$

by Ashley Atkins

Hey guys and gals, welcome back to another interesting article on how you can save "YOURSELF" hundreds or maybe even THOUSANDS of dollars! Over the last couple of weeks I have been introducing some saving tips and some help on student budgets. Last week's article focused mainly on food, traveling and other incidental expenditures you may incur every week. This week's article will probably be something more appealing and definitely more interesting to the mind. (No, not how we can ask our teachers to hold off on all those assignments!)

This week is about some Hip Hop and Classic Rock. Its also our week of Adidas, Gucci or Roots., Britney, Neil Young or Snoop Dog.

This week's about Music, Fashion and Entertainment. To begin, here is this week's task Pick and choose some articles of clothing in your wardrobe (Uh, for us guys... that would be the FLOOR!) Now, grab a few CD's, maybe a DVD, and for good measure those 2 tix to the Raptors game next week. (Just pick some things that are highly priced and fit fashion, music and entertainment.) Now add all those items up and keep that number handy.

Now, let's see what I pulled out and I will arrive at a rough estimate: 1 Golf shirt; 1 pair of Buffalo carpenter jeans; socks; and boxers (oops...gave it away!); my Pink Floyd Double Album and Rush. And for the entertainment item, 1 matinee movie pass!! What do all these items amount too? \$69.00! And why is it only that much money? Let's look at all the items: 1 golf shirt that was on sale=\$15.00, 1 pair of Buffalo jeans bought on Boxing Day=\$30, socks and Joe Boxers from a discount store=\$15, 2 cd's from a used cd store=\$29, and a Matinee movie pass=\$9.00. Wow, that is a killing. You mean to say I bought all those items for JUST \$69.00?!!

(You can then hear the readers chanting: HOW ASHLEY, HOW CAN WE SAVE ALL THAT \$\$\$?)

I am going to tell you how. Everything that I bought was on sale for clearance and special holidays, bought at lower cost retail stores, or bought at used cd stores, I even saw a movie while the sun was still shining! But I will tell you this, even if you adhere to those suggestions above one time in every 3 shop-

ping events, you will still take back a whole load of cash that you can spend somewhere else. (In addition to last week's article, if you want a coffee with some friends or want an extra snack at school, go for it. Budgeting is still about enjoying life, and enjoying life to the absolute fullest here at GBC.) Now, I am not just going to leave you in the lurch, waiting for some suggestions on where to shop or where to look for the incredible prices that are right before your eyes. I did some research and came up with these great student-based deals that anyone can enjoy. They are listed below with all the important information:

**(1) Student Price Card** (<http://www.splive.com/>): Offers discounts at many retailers coast-to-coast. Celebrating its 10th anniversary with contests and bonus savings.

**(2) Fashion:** Roots Outlet Store (416-781-8729), Kensington Market-Toronto (Centered on Kensington Avenue in the area west of Spadina Avenue and South of College Street), Winners Apparel (416-502-2248) and Old Navy (Eaton Centre,

Yorkdale). There are too many to name, but look on the net, ask friends or look in the Yellow Pages).

**(3) Music:** (Used CDs, Tapes, Records, etc.) Vortex Records (416-483-7437), CD Exchange (416-977-6889) Abba-Zappa Compact Discs (416-516-9161)

**(4) Anything fun and entertaining that you can do with your friends, but at odd ball times when prices tend to be cheaper!**

There you have it, ways to save save save, and reap all the benefits in the end. Now, the lists are incredibly incomplete, so just to let you know, all the stores are located within a subway ride of campus. If you have other ideas to pass onto readers or seek other stores from my database, just write to: [dialog@canada.com](mailto:dialog@canada.com). Until next week—which will look away from money in view of other things in our life—spend your money wisely and enjoy all the money you have saved so far this year.

## Corporations vs. squeegee kids "Who's the real panhandler?"

by DJ Corning

Recently on the radio I heard that our mayor has gone through with banning Squeegee kids trying to stay alive within our fair city. The reason given is because they are aggressive.... I have driven through this city many times been offered a window cleaning in exchange for some spare change. The times when I had no spare change, all I had to do was shake my head indicating no and I was left alone. I have even received some polite smiles back after saying no. This does not define aggressive behavior, or panhandling!

What! I do find aggressive is the way I'm bombarded on a daily basis with corporate junk mail, telemarketers phoning my home, and advertisements and corporate logo's plastered on every person, place, and object for as far as the eye can see. I ask you which is worse, ----- someone offering a service that no one likes to do in exchange for some spare change to help feed themselves or a corporate giant stopping at nothing to suck every last dime out of us that they possibly can?

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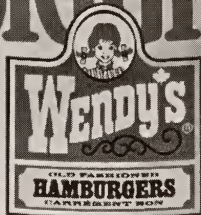
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## Let's Stop Pretending Bicycles Are Cars

By Jake the Biker

The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) sets out hefty fines for bikers. (See insert) Although government and most motorists like to think of bicycles as vehicles, truth is we are very different than motor vehicles. We are the ultimate green machine. Even electric cars must be considered polluting if they are recharged with dirty power. Bicycles are powered by human muscle, nothing more. Yes, and even hybrid electric bikes are recharged with excess human energy.

When I've just spent 200 sweaty calories getting up to speed I don't want to have to pull to a complete stop at a stop sign. Giving way to cross traffic should suffice. Let's legalize rolling stops for everyone. Cars already do it. When is the last time you saw a car pull to a complete stop at a stop sign when there is no traffic coming?

So realistically, let's look at

how an average bike commuter should make their way downtown. We should not have to pull to a complete foot down stop at residential stop signs.

The English have a term they call 'give way'. Give way means that if you are entering a marked intersection, you slow, and look



for vehicles which have the right of way, then continue if there are none. If there are other vehicles entering the intersection, you wait until they have proceeded through before you enter. This would be used for most stop signs and four-way stops. At traffic lights, we would continue to obey existing traffic signals. At

certain traffic lights (and this already exists in Toronto at Leslie and Commissioners streets), there will be special traffic signals for bikes. In Holland they do it all the time. Special bike signals tell motorists that bikes are on the road and should be given special treatment.

We will continue to use bike paths, routes and lanes. Bike lanes should receive special treatment since many motorists consider them nothing less than free parking spaces. Tow truck operators should be given the authority to remove cars parked on bike lanes. Let's look at one way streets. That's another \$90 fine. They often force good bicyclist to go blocks out of their way (and in my case it's all up hill).

Let's take advantage of our green blessing and allow two way biking on neighborhood one way streets wide enough to accommodate a bike and a car.

Comments?  
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| Offense                     | HTA Section | Fine     |
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| No bell (horn)              | 75(5)       | \$90.00  |
| Defective bell (horn)       | 75(5)       | \$90.00  |
| Fail to wear helmet         | 04(2.1)     | \$60.00  |
| Careless Driving            | 130         | \$265.00 |
| Disobey officer             | 134(1)      | \$90.00  |
| Drive on closed road        | 134(3)      | \$90.00  |
| Disobey stop sign           | 136(1)(a)   | \$90.00  |
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| Ride on sidewalk            | 17(1)       | \$85.00  |

Note: All fines are subject to court costs and a victim fine surcharge. (\$5 in most of these cases)

## The Real SUPERBOWL

by D.J. CORNING

If you are from the Toronto and Calgary areas, then the big game in January is meaningless when compared to the game that took place last Sunday, October 28th. The Buffalo Bills at the San Diego Chargers, or more importantly, Rob Johnson against Doug Flutie. We waited many long months for this one to happen and it was well worth it. Flutie and Johnson were the two players involved in Buffalo's famous Quarterback controversy that dates back three years. It was

earlier this year that the Bills finally made their decision to hand Flutie his outright release that had him end up, a few months later, as the starting quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, a position that the 38 year old Flutie has deserved since college where he won the Heisman trophy as the NCAA's most valuable player.

San Diego has improved this season under Flutie, who has them winning again. Buffalo, on the other hand, has struggled but was riding the momentum of win-

ning their last game against Jacksonville.

San Diego roared out of the starting gate taking advantage of a Johnson pick and led by 13 at one point. The defense even blocked a field goal in the early going, but Buffalo didn't roll over and play dead. They came back hard, shutting down Flutie's attack. Johnson even did a little scoring of his own, keeping the game



close. San Diego's rookie kicker missed two field goals that he should have made which helped The Bills stay within 3.

This takes us to the two-minute warning that ended up being one to remember. Johnson takes the ball all the way down field, finding one of his wide receivers for a touchdown to take a 4-point lead with only a minute and a half remaining. San Diego came right back

with a touchdown of their own as Flutie runs in his own end for roughly 30 yards out. That took the game clock to under a minute to get down field and close enough for a field goal. San Diego blocked that field goal too. It was beautiful. It capped of the most exciting two minutes of Football that I can remember and the best part is that Flutie won 27-24.



# VARSPORTS

## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL -Almost There...

On Saturday, November 03, 2001... George Brown College hosted a Varsity Men's Volleyball Tournament. The tournament style was Round Robin and featured a total of 4 teams: George Brown College, St. Sanford Fleming, Sheridan College, and Royal Military College. The Huskies, led by coach Ilir Xhemalce, showed great poise and determination by ranking 1st after the first round of play. However, as the day progressed, fatigue started setting in on most teams. As a result, in a very wild and emotional semi-final match, our Huskies were defeated by R.M.C. by a score of 25-23 in the 1st set and 28-26 in the 2nd set. Congratulations on a great effort boys! Sheridan College who played consistent throughout the day, were our tournament champions. Although we were not tournament champions, our Huskies displayed excellent representation of the college through their play and sportsmanship. We would like to congratulate Tim Tran and Nick Lackhan for

being selected as two of the tournament All-stars. Good luck Huskies on the remainder of your season!

## AEROBATHON 2001 - A Success...

Aerobathon 2001 was nothing more than a success. A special thank you goes out to all staff, students, participants and sponsors who devoted their time and effort to ensure that this day was success.

Our theme featured around Halloween. Both the Athletic Staff and Fitness Team worked diligently, producing a wide array of Halloween costumes and decorations, which was welcomed by every participant. After each session of workout, several performers entertained our participants.

Many were given a chance to win prizes, and there were lots of snacks & refreshments for everyone. Congratulations to Sara Jambaro for being our top prizewinner for the most pledges collected. Sara collected a total of \$385.00.

The overall purpose of the Aerobathon was to raise funds for our Fitness and Varsity Program,

and this event did just that. All proceeds collected from the event will be equally shared amongst our Fitness and Varsity Program. We would have liked to receive a bit more support from some of our varsity players but we hope to see you next year. Those that missed this day missed a whole lot of fun! However, Aerobathon 2001 was well organized, fun-filled and energized. Hope to see you next year!

## Announcements: Interested in Women's Volleyball??

A group of players are meeting each Wednesday @ 5:30 pm at Casa Loma gymnasium. Come one come all!!

## Women's Indoor Soccer??

Coach Sonia is practicing with all interested parties on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Casa Loma gymnasium. Come on out and play!!

## Men's Indoor Soccer??

The Indoor season has started with Recreational play on Monday, October 29/01 @

7:00p.m. @ the Casa Loma gym, and will continue for the remainder of the semester. As of January, dates and times will change.

Tennis Lessons?? Lessons started on Tuesday, October 30, 2001, 3-4 p.m. Tues. & Thurs. @ St.James.

## Intramural??

\*3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Fri. Nov.9, 01 @ St.James 3:00p.m.

\*Indoor Soccer Tournament on Fri. Nov.16, 01 @ St.James T.B.A.

Take advantage of a chance to have fun and compete against your college peers. Pay attention to tournament dates and registration deadlines for all upcoming events and activities.

## Upcoming Varsity Home Games??

Women's Basketball-GBC vs. Seneca Wed. Nov.14/01 6:00p.m.

GBC vs. Algonquin Fri. Nov.23/01 7:00p.m.

Men's Basketball GBC vs. Centennial Wed. Nov.07/01 8:00p.m.

GBC vs. Seneca Wed. Nov.14/01 8:00p.m.

GBC vs. St. Lawrence Sat. Nov.17/01 8:00p.m.

GBC vs. Rochester Sat. Nov.24/01 8:00p.m.

Men's Volleyball GBC vs. Loyalist Wed. Nov.28/01 8:00p.m.

## MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL...

Our huskies continued in exhibition play where they faced some tough opponents. However, with nagging injuries to co-captain Wilton Edwards and rookie forward Tom Bieleckie, the Huskies still managed to finish on the plus side with a 6 and 4 record for the month of October. Keep up the hard work Huskies!

## WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL...

Our Lady Huskies are off to a shaky start but are showing great signs of improvement. The Lady Huskies currently hold a 2-3 record for the month of October, and are excited about their upcoming games. Under the leadership of coach Albert Da Silva, the Lady Huskies are looking to contend in the playoffs. Good luck ladies! Be sure to support your Lady Huskies!

## Male Athlete of the Month -

October  
Tony Sarkisian  
2nd Year Jewelry Arts  
Men's Outdoor Soccer

## Male Athlete of the Month -

September  
Ryan Fisher  
1st Year Food & Beverage Management  
Varsity Baseball

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So roughly has our reef been purged  
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